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1. In accordance with reference (a), the COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Command History for 1982 is hereby submitted.

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## BASIC HISTORY

The Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet (COMFITAEEWWINGPAC) is headquartered at Naval Air Station Miramar, near San Diego, California.

It was originally established in July, 1956 as Commander Fleet Air Miramar, a functional commander of Pacific Fleet fighter units and as a subordinate of the Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC).

It was reorganized in July, 1973 to include the Airborne Early Warning (VAW) aircraft community.

The missions of COMFITAEEWWINGPAC are to indoctrinate and train fleet replacement pilots, naval flight officers and maintenance personnel in the operation and maintenance of fighter and airborne early warning specialties and to ensure the operational readiness of supply and support functions.

COMFITAEEWWINGPAC has 30 subordinate units which include: four Carrier Air Wing Staffs; two fleet replacement squadrons; eight F-14 TOMCAT squadrons; four F-4 PHANTOM squadrons; six E-2 HAWKEYE squadrons; one fleet composite squadron; one adversary squadron; the Navy Fighter Weapons School; one Air Test and Evaluation squadron; one Naval Air Station and one Naval Air Facility.

COMMANDER FIGHTER AIRBORNE EARLY  
WARNING WING, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET  
REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE M. FURLONG, JR., USN

Rear Admiral Furlong is a native of (b) (6). In December 1948 he entered the Naval Air Reserve. Following study at Memphis State and the University of Arkansas, he volunteered for active duty in the V-6 program in January 1951.

Rear Admiral Furlong graduated from the Naval Academy in June 1956 and entered flight training at Pensacola in September of that year. He received his wings in July 1957 and subsequently participated in three Western Pacific deployments flying F-111 Tigers.

Following postgraduate school (1961-1963), he served as Special Project Pilot, F-4 Projects Officer and F-111B Program Manager at the U. S. Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility at Kirkland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He next served as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander, Carrier Division NINE and then as Maintenance Officer, Executive Officer, and Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO, while deployed with the USS CONSTELLATION and USS ENTERPRISE. He was F-14 Project Manager for Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet during fleet introduction of the Tomcat.

Rear Admiral Furlong next served as Commander of Attack Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN on board USS ENTERPRISE during the first F-14 deployment. Following a tour as Commanding Officer, USS PONCHATOUA (AO-143), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Rear Admiral Furlong served as Commanding Officer, USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) from March 1977 to September 1978. He next served as Chief of Staff, U. S. SIXTH FLEET from October 1978 to September 1980. In October 1980 Rear Admiral Furlong was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operation as Director, Air Weapons Systems Analysis Staff (OP-50W). Following this tour, he was promoted to Flag Rank and assumed his present assignment as Commander, Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet in July 1981.

Rear Admiral Furlong holds degrees in Naval Science and Aeronautical Engineering. He was the recipient of the 1971 National Navy League John Paul Jones Award for inspirational leadership while serving as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO. He has accumulated over 4,000 flight hours and 900 carrier landings in all types of current Navy tactical aircraft. He flew over 200 combat missions in Vietnam.

Rear Admiral Furlong is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). They have two sons, (b) (6).



## CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 12 Grumman Aerospace introductory brief on the ALR-73 Passive Detection System.
- 20 Representatives from the Government of Japan visited Naval Air Station Miramar facilities for briefings, tours and discussions.
- 27 Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) Inspection of Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN
- Hosted CNO Tactical Reconnaissance Working Group meeting.

### FEBRUARY

- 3 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN.
- 10 Blue Ribbon Panel on AIM-54C Follow Missile as a future missile proposal.
- 11 The Center for Naval Analysis Board of Overseers received briefings at COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters and an orientation tour of NAS Miramar.
- 11 Mr. Thomas Mount, President, Universal Studios, visited COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions with the Wing Commander.
- 11-16 NAVAIR T-56 Engine Bogdown Presentations.
- 16 Representative Bill Lowery (R-CA), visited COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions.
- 17 Mr. John G. Behencik, Legislative Assistant to Senator Rudnik, (D-NH) visited COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions.
- 22 Representative Robert K. Dornan (R-CA) visited COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions.
- 23 Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPI) of Fighter Squadron THREE HUNDRED TWO.
- 24 ADM James D. Watkins, USN, CINCPACFLT, visited COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions.
- The COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Staff participated in Exercise Gallant Eagle.

### MARCH

- 4 Command hosted ALR-59 Users Conference.
- 9 Pre-cruise inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN.
- 9 Mr. G. Carter Baird of the Survey and Investigations Staff of the House Appropriations Committee visited COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions.

MARCH cont'd

- 11 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.
- 16 Pre-cruise inspection of Fighter Squadron TWO.
- 17-22 Post-cruise inspection of Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN units (VF-21, VF-154, VFP-63 DET 2 and VAW-113) onboard USS CORAL SEA.
- 18 CWTPI of Fighter Squadron THREE HUNDRED ONE.
- 23 Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN units (VF-21, VF-154 and VAW-113) returned to NAS Miramar after an extended deployment onboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43).
- 30 Pre-cruise inspection of Fighter Squadron ONE.
- 31 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Air Wing TWO.
- Provided representation to the National Airspace Review Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Deployed the first F-14A Expanded Chaff Adapter onboard USS CONSTELLATION with Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN.
- Conducted an operational evaluation of the ALQ-108.
- Completed the combined EW Training and TAC D&E evaluation of the E-2 aircraft.

APRIL

- 4 Carrier Air Wing TWO units (VF-1, VF-2 and VAW-116) deployed "Full Mission Capable" onboard USS RANGER (CV-61).
- 6 Dr. Rudolph F. Stampfl, Director, Systems Directorate, Naval Air Development Center visited COMFITAEWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions on fleet projects with RADM Furlong.
- 13 CWTPI of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN.
- 15 ISIC Inspection of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN.
- 19 The Inter-American Defense Board visited NAS Miramar for briefings and tours.
- 22 Mr. Richard D. Behal of the House Appropriations Committee visited COMFITAEWINGPAC Headquarters and NAS Miramar for briefings, tours and discussions.
- 27 The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Armed Services visited COMFITAEWINGPAC Headquarters and NAS Miramar for briefings, tours and discussions.
- Command completed testing and evaluation of ALQ-108 simulator developed by Naval Ocean Systems Command.

MAY

- 7 Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN took custody of first TRAC A PRIME/ALR-73 aircraft.



MAY cont'd

- 13 Post-cruise inspection of Carrier Air Wing NINE squadrons (VF-24, VF-211 and (VAW-112) onboard USS CONSTELLATION.
- 25 Hosted AN/YK-14 Users Conference.
- 27 The Tiger ONE Family Ombudsman Council was officially dedicated by RADM Furlong.
- AN/APX-76 - AVC-2264 included in deployable and other squadrons participating in Fleet Fighter Adversary Refresher Program (FFARP) with the exception of VF-24, VF-211, VAW-112 and RVAW-110.

JUNE

- 2 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN.
- 3 Corporate executives who provide radar components to the Hughes Corporation visited NAS Miramar for briefings and an orientation tour.
- 9 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN.
- 16-17 Hosted E-2 Safety Review.
- 22 ADM S. R. Foley, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, visited COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters and subordinate commands for briefings, tours and discussions.
- 24 The PM Magazine Crew visited NAS Miramar to film backdrops for their pre-NAS Miramar Air Show program with a Blue Angel theme. This program aired 20 July 1982.
- 28 RADM Furlong briefed the following distinguished members of the Surveys and Investigations Staff of the House Appropriations Committee at COMNAVAIRPAC Headquarters:
  - Mr. Francis J. King
  - Mr. Telford C. Brock
  - Mr. Donald B. Sutton
  - Mr. Henry J. Flynn
- 30 Disestablishment of Light Photographic Squadron SIXTY THREE, the last active duty F-8 squadron in the Navy.
- 30 ISIC Inspection of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN.
- Provided representation to the 2nd Annual International Photo Derby at Fallon, NV.
- Participated in Exercise Kernal Usher 2-82 simulating Carrier Battle Group Tactical Airborne Reconnaissance capability.

JULY

- 8 ISIC Inspection of Fighter Squadron FIFTY ONE.

JULY cont'd

- 12 Mr. Theodore Mehl and Mr. William Lawrence, Professional Staff Members, House Committee on Government Operations, visited COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions with RADM Furlong.
- 26 CWTPI of Fighter Squadron FIFTY ONE.
- 31 Disestablishment of Guided Missile Unit FORTY ONE at Point Mugu, California.
- F-14 Expanded Chaff Adapter flight clearance granted.

AUGUST

- 4 ISIC Inspection of Fighter Squadron TWENTY ONE.
- 6 Conducted the first "Recce Rally", West Coast Tactical Air Reconnaissance Pod System (TARPS) competition. The winner of the competition was Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN.
- 11 Pre-cruise inspection of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN.
- 19 Command inspection of COMFITAEEWINGPAC by COMNAVAIRPAC.
- 23 Pre-cruise inspection of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN.
- 23 Representative Corcoran (R-IL) visited COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters and NAS Miramar for briefings, tours and discussions.
- 24 E-2B/C Preliminary Maintenance Requirement Verification.
- 25 Pre-cruise inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN.
- 26 The Southwest Jazz Ballet Company gave a benefit performance for the men and women of NAS Miramar.
- 30 Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWELVE commenced E-2C Advanced Radar Processing System (ARPS) transition.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Last operational deployment of E-2C APS-120 System by Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN onboard USS ENTERPRISE.
- 3-12 Mr. John Joss, freelance writer, visited NAS Miramar and the Navy Fighter Weapons School to conduct interviews and receive an orientation flight in conjunction with an article he was writing on the mission and role of the Navy Fighter Weapons School.
- 10 CWTPI of Fighter Squadrons ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE and ONE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE at NAF ATSUGI.
- 22 Local Television station, Channel 8, visited NAS Miramar to produce a story on Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP).



SEPTEMBER cont'd

- 27 140 Navy Medical Interns visited COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters and NAS Miramar activities for briefings and tours.
- 30 ISIC Inspection Fighter Squadron TWENTY FOUR.
- Completed a study on improvements to the Tactical Air Combat Training System (TACTS).

OCTOBER

- 1 Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN completed E-2C ARPS.
- 1 Commenced lighting improvements and painting of Hangars 1 and 2.
- 6 ISIC Inspection of Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN.
- 11-18 Post-cruise inspection of Carrier Air Wing TWO squadrons (VF-1, VF-2 and VAW-116) onboard USS RANGER.
- 12 CWTPI of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR.
- 17 Carrier Air Wing TWO units, (VF-1, VF-2 and VAW-116) returned from an extended deployment onboard USS RANGER (CV-61).
- 19 Mr. Peter Lennon, Military Legislative Assistant to Senator Levin (D-MI) visited COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters for briefings and discussions.
- 20 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN.
- 20 CWTPI of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR.
- 25-29 Command participated in E-2/C-2 Intergrated Logistics Management Team (ILSMT) meeting at the Grumman Corporation, Bethpage, NY.
- 25-29 Fleet Exercise Publication (FXP-2) Manual Review Conference on changes, additions, deletions and/or improvements to the FXP-2 Manual.
- E-2 Naval Flight Officer designated as Navy liaison/representative to the Air Force when E-3A aircraft participate in Third Fleet Exercises.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Ms. Nancy Colaguori, Managing Editor, Product Support Quarterly Magazine (trade publication for the Pratt and Whitney Company) visited COMFITAEEWINGPAC staff to request assistance in obtaining squadron and AIMD inputs for her publication.
- 2 Conducted F-14 ILSMT meeting at COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters.
- 2-3 Hosted COMTHIRDFLT Maritime Air Superiority Symposium.
- 19 Participated in F-4 ILSMT at Mission Valley, San Diego.

NOVEMBER cont'd

- 20-29 Command provided maintenance support for two F-4 aircraft which were flown from San Diego to Hawaii for further transport to USS MIDWAY (CV-41).
- 22-23 Ms. Judy Moffett, NAVMACLANT Staff, visited the joint COMFITAEEWINGPAC/ NAS Miramar Public Affairs Office in order to obtain data for the second generation SHORESTAMPS staffing standards review.
- 24 ISIC Inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWELVE.
- 24 Conducted "Recce Rally 2-82" which was won by Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR.
- 30 Hosted the COMNAVAIRPAC J-52 Engine Review Conference.
- Completed initial standup of F-14 TARPS (Tactical Airborne Reconnaissance Pod System) squadrons with delivery of last TARPS pod to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN. West Coast TARPS squadrons now include VF-2, VF-111, VF-124, VF-211 and VF-213.

DECEMBER

- 1 CWTPI of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN.
- 5 Sponsored and conducted the fourth annual children's Christmas party, Operation Yuletide 82, for the families of deployed NAS Miramar personnel.
- 6 Hosted COMNAVAIRPAC/COMNAVAIRLANT Joint Type Commanders Conference.
- 8 Pre-cruise inspection of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN.
- 9 Pre-cruise inspection of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN.
- 14 Hosted Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) Review for NAF El Centro.
- 15 Pre-cruise inspection of Fighter Squadron FIFTY ONE.
- 15 ISIC Inspection of the Navy Fighter Weapons School.
- 15 F-14 Safety Review conducted at COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters.
- 16 Fighter Squadrons TWENTY ONE and ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR started verification of AFB-279 (CAT Tow Hook) on all squadron aircraft. NARF North Island field team assisted.
- 16 F-14 Technical Problem Review conducted at COMFITAEEWINGPAC Headquarters.
- 30 Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN squadrons (VF-51, VF-111 and VAW-114) deployed onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) for type training.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT SUMMARY

9 FEB	VF-154	Flight deck coordinator fatality onboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)
14 JUN	VF-24	F-14 entered flat spin during ACM offensive maneuver--crew ejected-no injuries.
21 JUN	VF-21	F-4 entered flat spin following ACM/guns defense maneuver--crew ejected-no injuries.

COMFITA EWINGPAC Annual Accident Rate 3.25/100,000 flight hours - lowest in command history.



SUBORDINATE UNITS AND HOMEPORTS

NAS MIRAMAR, San Diego, CA

- NAS Miramar
- CVW-2 (USS RANGER/CV-61)
- CVW-11 (USS ENTERPRISE/CVN-65)
- CVW-14 (USS CORAL SEA/CV-43)
- CVW-15 (USS KITTY HAWK/CV-63) (USS CARL VINSON/CVN-70)
- VF-124 F-14 FRS
- RVAW-110 E-2 FRS
- VF-126 A-4, T-2 Adversary Squadron
- NFWS F-5

VF-21	F-4N	VAW-112	E-2C
VF-154	F-4N	VAW-113	E-2B
VF-1	F-14	VAW-114	E-2C
VF-2	F-14 (TARPS)	VAW-116	E-2C
VF-24	F-14	VAW-117	E-2C
VF-211	F-14 (TARPS)		
VF-114	F-14		
VF-213	F-14 (TARPS)		
VF-51	F-14		
VF-111	F-14 (TARPS)		

NAF EL CENTRO, CA

NAVSTA YOKOSUKA, Japan (USS MIDWAY)

VF-151	F-4S
VF-161	F-4S
VAW-115	E-2B

NAS BARBERS POINT, Hawaii

VC-1 TA-4J, SH-3G, VC-118, P-3

NAS POINT MUGU, CA

VX-4 F-14, F-4, F/A-18, T-2

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